

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken a firm stand not to grant yet another deadline to private basic phone companies to fulfil their contractual obligations to install phones in the villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the private basic phone companies have failed to install phones in villages despite several deadlines given in the past;
- (d) if so, whether the Government are contemplating to cancel the licences granted to these companies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

- (a),(b),(d) & (e): The matter is under examination.
- (c) Yes, Sir.